

U. S. CALLED TOO LAX WITH DISLOYAL ALIENS

Officials Put Blame on Congress for Failure to Convict

NO LAW FOR SABOTAGE

Department of Justice Powerless to Demand Heavy Bail in Gauge Case

Washington, April 3.

Department of Justice officials, replying to the widespread criticism of their policy of treating disloyal acts and utterances by enemy aliens, put responsibility for their alleged impotence squarely up to Congress.

They declared they are unable to accomplish the things demanded throughout the country because after making arrests they have not the basis in law on which to obtain convictions.

Replying to direct inquiry about the failure of the prosecution of Louis Werner, editor, and Dr. Martin Darrow, managing editor of the Philadelphia Tagblatt, in the treasonable utterances case, officials declared that conviction under the statute against treason was almost impossible in that case, but that at the next term of court the indictments charging the editors with violation of the espionage act would be brought up and that convictions are hoped for.

Call Laws Too Lenient. Officials of the department made the surprising admission that under existing statutes it is almost impossible to obtain conviction for sabotage, and that it is unlikely that the government could impose severe penalties upon enemy aliens and others charged with tampering with torpedoes and aircraft gauges, and said that without the sabotage act, which Congress has failed to pass, although it has been pending for many months, on the technical charge of attempting to defraud the Government could be sustained.

The sabotage bill, Department of Justice officials declared, has reached a conference committee of the House and Senate. They declared that Congress has not shown a disposition to enact measures embodying direct and clear language proposed by the department and cited the Senate amendment to provide for the internment of women.

Internment of Women

The Senate Judiciary Committee, which is considering the bill, has provided that women may not be interned unless the Government is able to prove in court that they have conspired with foreign enemies and that most of the women considered dangerous aliens are natives of the United States who have married foreigners. The department declared that such women could be interned if the Government were required to go into court with each case and establish direct acts of disloyalty.

In explaining the inability of the Government to obtain a conviction in the case of the Tagblatt editors, officials of the department declared that it was necessary to substantiate an offense of treason to prove that there was a treasonable motive in printing an article, and that the publication actually aroused sedition and gave actual aid and comfort to the enemy.

Under the espionage act, on which the editors will be tried later, it will be sufficient to establish that an offensive article would be calculated to incite sedition.

NEW AUTO LIST BOOMS

Used Cars in Great Demand on Farms for Tractor Use

Harrisburg, April 3.—The registration of hundreds of new automobiles is being applied for at the State Highway Department's automobile division, and the number is running larger than was expected because of the war.

TO DIVIDE TAX PAYMENTS

Bill Would Permit Installments on Income and Excess Profits

Washington, April 3.—Two installments for payment of income and excess profits taxes is provided in a bill introduced by Representative Medill McCormick of Illinois. Mr. McCormick calculated that under the present law business men would be required to pay into the Treasury \$1,200,000,000 by July 1 besides subscribing to the Liberty Loan drive. He said business men had expressed doubt as to the ability of the country to meet such financial demands.

BOOTLEGGERS JAILED

Two Chester Men Imprisoned for Selling Liquor in Dry Territory

Dover, Del., April 2.—Edward Marzla and George Faithful, both of Chester, Pa., were caught peddling forty gallons of whiskey over the "dry" line from Wilmington into Kent and Sussex counties, where they were arrested while en route to one year each in the State penitentiary and a fine of \$100.

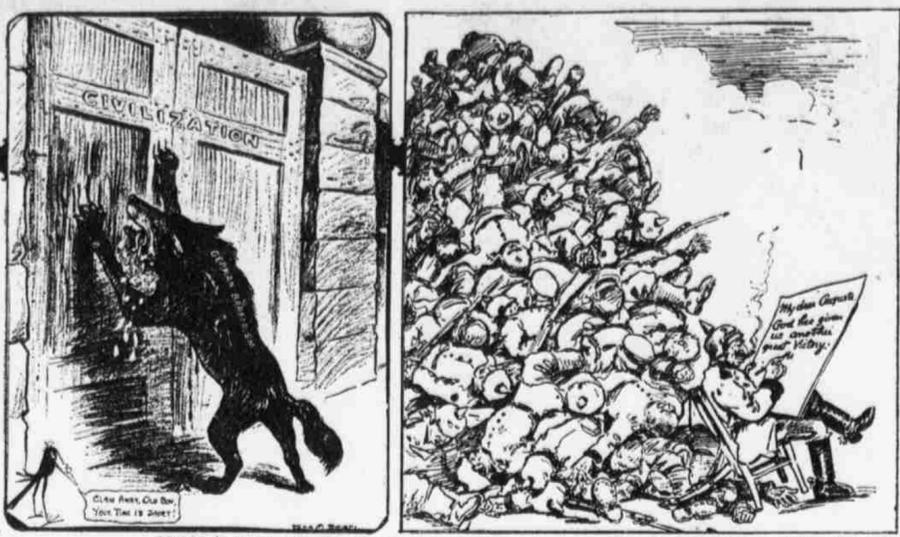
Hartford Mayor Loses

Charles A. Hazzard, Republican, lost in the election for Mayor of Hartford, Conn., by a majority of 1,000 votes.

HISTORY-MAKING EVENTS AS THEY APPEAL TO THE EDITORIAL DRAFTSMAN



DONAHAY in Cleveland Plain Dealer THE SPIRIT OF FRANCE CALLS YOU



SEIBEL in Knickerbocker Press THE WOLF AT THE GATES



From The Providence Daily Journal IT WAS A FAMOUS VICTORY

SEE I. C. C. ANNULLED BY OVERMAN MEASURE

Senator Cummins Calls Passage Step Toward Destruction of Nation

Washington, April 3.—President Wilson's effort to obtain from Congress the unusual powers proposed in the Overman bill is meeting vigorous opposition from both sides of the Senate. In fact, so general are the attacks made upon its provisions by both Democrats and Republicans that it seems certain the bill will not pass without the bitterest congressional fight since the war began.

Senator Overman told the Senate that the sole object of the bill is to enable the President to have such control of the machinery of government as will in the greatest measure facilitate a speedy and successful conclusion of the war, and that the only ground for opposition is giving the commander-in-chief the powers he asks in that he is not fit to be trusted with those powers.

"If," asked Senator Overman by way of reply, "the Senator from Iowa deemed it necessary to save the Union that the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission be transferred to some other branch of the Government, would he be willing to do so?"

"There is but one answer," said Cummins, "and that is that I would abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission or any other commission or department if it was necessary to save the Union. In this case I believe that it is not necessary to adopt this bill in order to save the Union, and, on the other hand, I think the passage of it would be an influential step in the destruction of the Union."

Senator Overman said that Abraham Lincoln faced the necessity of concentrating various branches of the Government in order to save the Union and that he did so in spite of law and was roundly denounced as a usurper and a dictator. Woodrow Wilson, he continued, sees the necessities of this crisis and will not choose to appear to the people as a dictator or a usurper of authority and hence his appeal to Congress to untie his hands and permit him to carry on a war free to grapple with war's ever-changing situations.

Senator Overman continued his address in favor of the measure, quoting a speech of ex-Judge Charles E. Hughes delivered in New York last September to show the necessity of co-ordinated power to win the war, and further quoting a message sent to Congress by ex-President Taft criticizing the "unscientific" methods of fixing estimates in the executive branches of the Government, recommending changes.

BOXER'S ESTATE SMALL

"Mike" Donovan, Former Middleweight Champion, Left Only \$4500

New York, April 3.—The will of "Mike" Donovan, who used to box with Theodore Roosevelt at the White House, has been filed for probate. It was learned that the real name of the former middleweight champion was Michael J. O'Donovan.

STILLMAN SUCCEEDS FATHER

Becomes Chairman of Board of National City Bank

New York, April 3.—James A. Stillman, son of the late James Stillman, has been named chairman of the board of directors of the National City Bank, succeeding his father. He was elected on the motion of Frank A. Vanderbilt, president of the bank.

Crippled Talker Dead

Reading, Pa., April 3.—Harry A. Anshutz, forty-six years old, known to thousands of Harrisburg-Reading people as "Happy Harry," died at Reading, Pa., today.

SENATOR WOULD END GERMAN PUBLICATIONS

Editorial in Philadelphia Tagblatt Praising Big Gun Arouses King

Washington, April 3.—Senator King, of Utah, has proposed the complete suppression of German and Austrian language newspapers, magazines and other periodicals in this country while the war lasts. He offered an amendment to his bill to revoke the charter of the National German-American Alliance, by which no printed or mimeographed matter in the language of any country with which we are at war shall be carried in the mails or after July 1 of this year.

The amendment is under consideration by the Judiciary Committee of the Senate. The Utah Senator announced that he has considered the wisdom of such a step for some time, but that he was directly impelled to make the proposition by the action of the Philadelphia Tagblatt in publishing a questionable editorial immediately after its owners and editors were acquitted of treason in the Federal Court in Philadelphia.

"This is no time for the publication of papers in the United States printed in the language of our enemies," said Senator King. "It is, more than ever, the time for the English language to become homogeneous. Such editorials as that in the Philadelphia Tagblatt typify the state of mind of a great part of the men who are writing for publication in the German language in this country. It cannot be tolerated."

"This is a time when all times when we should do everything to discourage attempts to keep foreign elements solid and aloof from assimilation. We must combat it as a mere matter of protection in wartime the suppression of papers printed in the German language should be readily considered a wise move."

Senator King's proposal of suppression of foreign-language papers was in contrast with his opposition on the floor of the Senate to the Smith bill appropriating \$100,000 as a fund with which the Bureau of Education should stimulate activity in the reduction of adult illiteracy and especially to foster a movement to teach American soldiers the English language how to do so.

YOUNG WOMEN DRIVE BIG U. S. ARMY TRUCKS

Nine Girls Start From Michigan for Georgia as Pilots of Supply Autos

Lansing, Mich., April 3.—To further demonstrate what women of the United States are doing to help prosecute the war, nine young women chauffeurs, attired in military uniforms, are each driving an army truck with Government supplies from this place to Atlanta, Ga.

Maryland Adopts Black-Eyed Susan

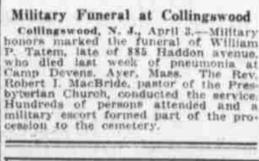
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Military Funeral at Collingswood

Collingswood, N. J., April 3.—Military honors marked the funeral of William P. Tate, late of 332 Madison, who died last week of pneumonia at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

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CONGRESS TALKED AT RATE OF 100,000 WORDS EACH DAY

Statistical Sleuth Finds Lawmakers Spouting at Rate of Twelve and a Half Newspaper Pages Daily in Windy March

Washington, April 3.—An expert accountant has been at work recently. His task was to find out—if he could—how many words were being spoken in the halls of Congress every twenty-four hours for a month. He has finished the undertaking and is now resting. Some allowance should be made for March, the month chosen, because it is notoriously a windy period. But figures do not lie. Here they are: Stationery may squirm, but the bare facts remain:

During the month 1671 pages, or 2242 columns of the reliable Congressional Record were filled with the oratorical utterances of Senators and Representatives. These total exactly 3,111,492 words. No allowance is made for Sunday holidays or adjournments to catch breath. This means that word-spilling has loomed along at a rate considerably in excess of 100,000 a day. It means, further, that somebody or other has plugged away steadily, because delivery is dignified and solemn in the Senate and House. Comparatively few words fill up the record. A limited number of words are spoken in each debate and over the top with rhetoric nearly every day. The great majority in both branches seem tongue-tied and content themselves with answering colloquies.

OREGON STATE POLICE LIKE PENNSYLVANIA'S

New Guardians of the Peace Will Be Patterned After Those in Keystone State

Portland, Ore., April 3.—Oregon's State Emergency Board will authorize the establishment of a State military police with the \$250,000 recently appropriated, declares John K. Kollock, executive secretary of the State Council of Defense. The duties of the new guardians of the peace will be in all respects like those in Pennsylvania, where so much has been done in the past few months by these mobile bodies of police in maintaining order and running down violators of the law.

Tossed \$2400 Out as Waste Paper

Wilmington, Del., April 3.—B. Fletcher, of 2322 Druid avenue, Baltimore, has requested the Wilmington police force to trace, if possible, \$2400 which he accidentally threw from a train while passing through this city. The man tossed from the car window what he thought was useless paper, and later found that he had thrown his money with it.

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U. S. WILL NOT SEIZE DUTCH SHIPS IN USE

War Trade Board Declares Rule Applies Only to Boats in Harbor

Washington, April 3.—Dutch ships en route to the United States from Holland at the time the Dutch shipping in American ports was requisitioned will not be taken over on arrival here.

The war trade board announces that inasmuch as the requisitioning had been done, according to President Wilson's proclamation, to restore the ships laid up in American harbors to their normal activity, it was not intended to take the use of those which were in service from Holland when the proclamation was issued.

The American Government is expected soon to reply to Holland's formal protest against the requisitioning, which was presented to the State Department yesterday by the Netherlands minister. It is expected that the reply will go more fully into the legal phase of the question and will cite additional reasons why the action was justifiable.

Assurance has been given the minister that grain will be provided to load two ships which the Netherlands Government has arranged to send to this country for needed foodstuffs.

Holland's resentment will subside if the United States carries out scrupulously her promise to supply the Dutch people with food, in the opinion of Robert O. Hayward, a representative of the war trade board, back in Washington after two months spent in Holland assisting in negotiations for the ships.

Holland's objection to the use of her ships was entirely, Mr. Hayward said, to pressure brought by Germany. The entire Dutch Government, he said, approved the plan until Germany began to make threats.

More than 200,000 tons of Dutch river and canal shipping is being used by Germany, Mr. Hayward said.

FIGURES SHOW HUGE TRAFFIC ON RAILWAYS

Regional Director Smith Describes Need for Improvement of Facilities

New York, April 3.

The railroads of America in 1917 moved an amount of freight equivalent to hauling 4000 tons one mile for each man, woman and child in the country, while passenger traffic was equal to 350 miles for each inhabitant of the United States, according to A. H. Smith, regional director of railroads, who addressed the Rotary Club at its annual dinner here. He quoted statistics to show the magnitude of the business taken over by the Government ninety days ago and denied that the railroads have "broken down."

Mr. Smith pointed out that in 1917, with the same plants as in 1915, the railroads increased their freight service by 15 per cent, and said that, with redoubled efforts, the roads are seeking to continue the improvement.

"Under war conditions," he continued,

"the railroads have had vastly more freight offered than they could handle. There is need for new equipment, for terminal facilities and for greater freightage provision by receivers of freight, particularly at principal seaports and big centers of population. In meeting these problems the railroads need the help of the public. The Government should assist in removing difficulties which are so costly to the general welfare."

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NOTE—The Community Stores' Specials will be announced on Page 4 in any Public Ledger every Sunday and the Evening Public Ledger every Wednesday.

Advertisement for Firestone Tires. Features the slogan 'EMBARGO on Tire Vexations' and 'Firestone Cord Tire pure gum insulation reduces friction.' Includes an illustration of a Firestone tire and a circular graphic with text: 'Ask your dealer to show you this section. Have him point out the superiorities that produce Firestone comfort, Firestone safety, Firestone Most Miles per Dollar. Actual size 3 1/2 inches.' The bottom of the ad reads: 'Firestone Cord Tire improvements have shown the way for material advances in Firestone fabric construction. In the Firestone Fabric Tire you find more rubber between the fabric layers, added strength to cushion layer and tread, special reinforcement to strengthen the sidewall and unite it more firmly to the bead. Put an embargo on tire vexations. Begin by making your next tire a Firestone cord or fabric. FIRESTONE TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY AKRON, OHIO Branches and Dealers Everywhere'